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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PINS, PFOR, IS, LE

SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK ON KIRYAT SHEMONA

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE ATHERTON TELEPHONED LEBANESE AMBASSADOR KABBANI MORNING APRIL 11 RE TERRORIST ATTACK ON KIRYAT SHEMONA. ATHERTON SAID HE WAS CALLING ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE AND THAT WE HAVE HAD NO APPROACH FROM ISRAELIS, BUT HE WANTED TO SHARE SOME THOUGHTS WITH KABBANI. WE HAVE SEEN WIRE SERVICE REPORTS DATED IN BEIRUT AND ATTRIBUTING ATTACK TO PFLPGC, WHICH WE KNOW IS SPLINTER GROUP AND NOT MEMBER OF PLO. HOWEVER, THERE IS CERTAIN TO BE MUCH EMOTION IN ISRAEL OVER WHAT HAS HAPPENED, AND REACTION MAY BE TO HOLD LEBANON RESPONSIBLE. ATHERTON SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IF SOME WAY COULD BE FOUND FOR GOL TO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM THIS TERRORIST ACTION IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. OBVIOUSLY THERE COULD BE NO ASSURANCE THAT PUBLIC GOL DISASSOCIATION FROM ATTACK WOULD BE ENOUGH, ATHERTON SAID, BUT IT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO CALMING ATMOSPHERE.

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2. KABBANI SAID HE AGREED, WOULD BE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH HIS FOREIGN MINISTER RIGHT AWAY AND WOULD RECOMMEND ACTION IN SENSE SUGGESTED BY ATHERTON. IN CLOSING ATHERTON REITERATED THAT HE WAS CALLING ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE AND

THAT USG HAD NOT YET HAD ANY COMMUNICATION WITH GOI ON THIS SUBJECT. KISSINGER

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